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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

May 20, 2016

To: Docket Control

Re: Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative – Customer Comments

Docket No. E-01575A-15-0312

Please docket the attached 16 customer comments OPPOSING the above filed case.

Customer comments can be reviewed in docket under the above docket number.

Filed by: Utilities Division - Consumer Services

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<b>Investigator:</b> Trish Meeter	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/25/2016
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<b>First Name:</b> John	<b>Last Name:</b> Motowski	<b>Account Name:</b> John Motowski
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Benson	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85602

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

From: John Motowski [mailto:<<< REDACTED >>> ]

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 6:13 AM

To: Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

Subject: Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

The proposed fixed fees for solar customers are the highest we have ever seen proposed in the state. Raising fees 286% is a punitive and arbitrary attempt to block solar adoption. If passed, the solar industry would be forced out of the territory, threatening solar jobs and eliminating energy choice for all members of the cooperative. Additionally, this excessive fee would render current solar savings in the territory mute, leaving homeowners upside down in their investment.

Attempting to collect lost revenue from your ratepayers who are elderly, on fixed incomes, or low-income is just bad business. A 143% increased fixed fee on the residential class is also detrimental to these residents as it is to the solar customers.

I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Regards,

John Motowski

PO Box 637

Benson, AZ 85602

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<b>Investigator:</b> Trish Meeter	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/25/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131854	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
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<b>First Name:</b> Suzanne	<b>Last Name:</b> Moses	<b>Account Name:</b> Suzanne Moses
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Benson	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85602

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**From:** Suzanne Moses [mailto:<<< REDACTED >>> ]

**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2016 6:07 AM

**To:** Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

**Subject:** Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

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I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Regards,

Suzanne Moses

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<b>Investigator:</b> Trish Meeter	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/25/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131852	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
<b>Opinion Codes:</b> Rate Case Items - Opposed	<b>Closed Date:</b> 5/25/2016 10:38 AM	

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<b>First Name:</b> Sandra	<b>Last Name:</b> Lisle	<b>Account Name:</b> Sandra Lisle
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Willcox	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85643

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**From:** Sandra Lisle [mailto:<<< REDACTED >>>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2016 9:51 PM

**To:** Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

**Subject:** Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

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Regards,

Sandra Lisle

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<b>Investigator:</b> Trish Meeter	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/25/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131846	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
<b>Opinion Codes:</b> Other - Net Metering	<b>Closed Date:</b> 5/25/2016 9:42 AM	
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<b>First Name:</b> dawn	<b>Last Name:</b> hoffman	<b>Account Name:</b> dawn hoffman
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Huachuca City	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85616

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**From:** dawn Hoffman [mailto:<<< REDACTED >>> ]

**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2016 8:58 AM

**To:** Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

**Subject:** Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

The proposed fixed fees for solar customers are the highest we have ever seen proposed in the state. Raising fees 286% is a punitive and arbitrary attempt to block solar adoption. If passed, the solar industry would be forced out of the territory, threatening solar jobs and eliminating energy choice for all members of the cooperative. Additionally, this excessive fee would render current solar savings in the territory mute, leaving homeowners upside down in their investment.

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I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Regards,

dawn Hoffman

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<b>Investigator:</b> Trish Meeter	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/25/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131847	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
<b>Opinion Codes:</b> Other - Net Metering	<b>Closed Date:</b> 5/25/2016 9:48 AM	
Rate Case Items - Opposed		

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<b>First Name:</b> Sandra	<b>Last Name:</b> Welch	<b>Account Name:</b> Sandra Welch
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Saint David	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85630

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**From:** Sandra Welch [mailto:<<< REDACTED >>>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2016 1:05 PM

**To:** Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

**Subject:** Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

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I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Regards,

Sandra Welch

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<b>Investigator:</b> Trish Meeter	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/25/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131850	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
<b>Opinion Codes:</b> Rate Case Items - Opposed	<b>Closed Date:</b> 5/25/2016 9:55 AM	

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<b>First Name:</b> John	<b>Last Name:</b> Comaduran	<b>Account Name:</b> John Comaduran
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Benson	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85602
<b>Home:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

From: John COMADURAN [mailto:<<< REDACTED >>>]

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 9:06 PM

To: Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

Subject: Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

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I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Regards,

John COMADURAN

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<b>Investigator:</b> Tom Davis	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/26/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131872	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
<b>Opinion Codes:</b> Rate Case Items - Opposed	<b>Closed Date:</b> 5/26/2016 10:51 AM	

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<b>First Name:</b> Carol	<b>Last Name:</b> Hall	<b>Account Name:</b> Carol Hall
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Benson	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85602

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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This customer is strongly opposed to the rate increase. She states that she has to use oxygen three times a day and will not be able to afford it if the Company raises their rate as much as they are proposing. Also customer states that she was never notified of the proposed rate increase, she found out about it from a neighbor.

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<b>Investigator:</b> Tom Davis	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/24/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131840	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
<b>Opinion Codes:</b> Rate Case Items - Opposed	<b>Closed Date:</b> 5/24/2016 11:30 AM	

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**Docket Position:** Against

Received the following identical comments from 2 customers opposed to the proposed rate case.

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

The proposed fixed fees for solar customers are the highest we have ever seen proposed in the state. Raising fees 286% is a punitive and arbitrary attempt to block solar adoption. If passed, the solar industry would be forced out of the territory, threatening solar jobs and eliminating energy choice for all members of the cooperative. Additionally, this excessive fee would render current solar savings in the territory mute, leaving homeowners upside down in their investment.

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I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Submitted by:

1. Kenneth Lenz

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2. Mayra Moreno

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Analyst:</b>	<b>Investigation</b>	
5/24/2016	Tom Davis	<b>Submitted By:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
		Telephone	Investigation
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<b>Investigator:</b> Al Amezcua	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/20/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131789	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
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<b>First Name:</b> Petition	<b>Last Name:</b> Petition	<b>Account Name:</b> Petition Petition
<b>Address:</b>		
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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
Lainie Keltner	
<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Email:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>

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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**Docket Position:** Against

Received the following identical comments from 11 customers opposed to the proposed rate case.

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 3:17 PM

To: Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

Subject: Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

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I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Regards,

1. Christopher Hill, 2. Kathleen Splittsoesser, 3. Raenne Jones, 4. Marian Gierlach,  
5. Kellie Maddux 6. David Parks, 7. Andrew Abernathy, 8. Rachel Huber,  
9. Jared Royka, 10. Gerald Leroy, 11. Randal Wooten

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Analyst:</b>	<b>Investigation</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
5/20/2016	Al Amezcua	Telephone		Investigation
Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.				

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<b>Investigator:</b> Tom Davis	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/23/2016
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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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### Nature Of Opinion

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**Docket Position:** Against

Received the following identical comments from 24 customers opposed to the proposed rate case.

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

The proposed fixed fees for solar customers are the highest we have ever seen proposed in the state. Raising fees 286% is a punitive and arbitrary attempt to block solar adoption. If passed, the solar industry would be forced out of the territory, threatening solar jobs and eliminating energy choice for all members of the cooperative. Additionally, this excessive fee would render current solar savings in the territory mute, leaving homeowners upside down in their investment.

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I urge you to reject this proposal. Please protect the interests of the cooperative's members. These drastic fee increases are not in our best interest.

Submitted by:

1. Ronald Smith 2. Dianna Chase 3. Thomas Richardson 4. Bob Gesell 5. Terry Makdad  
6. Dave Shipman 7. Delia Cortez 8. MICHELLE BRILLON 9. Carmen Weldon 10. Joy Reilly  
11. Rita Lebel 12. John Muscato 13. Diana Neely 14. Carla Simpson 15. Janna Wu 16. James Kelley  
17. Stacy Smith 18. Diana Comaduran 19. Kellie Fitzgerald 20. NATHANIEL MCCREADY  
21. Joshua Watson 22. Dashia Starr 23. Larry Hubbard 24. Kristi Hannah

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5/23/2016	Tom Davis	Other	Investigation
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<b>Investigator:</b> Deborah Reagan	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/18/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131639	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
<b>Opinion Codes:</b> Rate Case Items - Opposed	<b>Closed Date:</b> 5/18/2016 11:03 AM	

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<b>First Name:</b> Susan	<b>Last Name:</b> Gamble	<b>Account Name:</b> Susan Gamble
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Sierra Vista	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85650
<b>Cell:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Email:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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### Nature Of Opinion

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312**Docket Position:** Against

Honorable Commissioners, Let me thank you for allowing me to comment on Docket No. E-01575A-15-0312. Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SSVEC) is absolutely correct: their customers who own distributed generation systems (solar photovoltaic, wind, and other alternative energy generating systems) are not paying their 'fair share' of the maintenance costs for SSVEC's electric grid. Customers who generate excess electricity currently 'sell it back' to SSVEC for the full kilowatt hour (KwH) rate. It is at this point those customers are not paying their fair share of the maintenance costs, because SSVEC pays the full rate, and not a reduced rate that would encompass the maintenance costs. When a distributed generation (DG) owner/customer produces more electricity than they can use, that excess electricity flows from their inverter to a local, nearby neighborhood transformer, and directly to a neighbor who needs electricity (and not all the way back to the generating plant as SSVEC would have you and their non-DG customers believe). So how would one go about calculating the maintenance costs of the 'grid' from a residential inverter to their neighborhood transformer? In my particular situation (I am not a DG customer; I am seriously considering installing a PV solar system, but will probably not do so if this proposal is enacted), the distance from my electric meter to my neighborhood transformer is approximately 200 feet. To compare, the distance electricity travels from the generating plant near Willcox to my residence in Sierra Vista is an estimated 60 miles. Calculating for my situation, the distance any excess electricity would travel on SSVEC's grid to my neighborhood transformer is around 0.06 percent the distance electricity travels from the generating plant to my residence. I think anyone (except, apparently SSVEC) would agree that 0.06 percent is a rather negligible amount. Any time a DG customer does not produce electricity (e.g. PV solar customers do not generate electricity at night), these customers purchase electricity at the full rate, thus paying their 'fair share' of the maintenance costs for poles, wire, and infrastructure (to include reliability, reserves, frequency control, voltage control, and redundancy). SSVEC claims they are 'losing millions of dollars' due to electricity generated by two or three percent of their customers. In fact, they are losing out on the dollars generated by the electricity they cannot sell to their DG costumers, and they are not happy about this. I find this quite shameful for an organization that is, first of all, not for profit, and secondly purports to "be dedicated to community growth, quality of life, and a positive vision for the future." Any organization 'dedicated to ...a positive vision for the future' would not be discouraging alternate energy sources as well as asking to increase their rates to all customers under the guise of 'unfair cost sharing' and using scare tactics.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gamble

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Investigation			
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Analyst:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>	<b>Type:</b>
5/18/2016	Deborah Reagan	Telephone	Investigation

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<b>Investigator:</b> Tom Davis	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/16/2016
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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**Docket Position:** Against

Received the following identical comments from 3 customers opposed to the proposed rate case.

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

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Submitted by:

1. Amanda Roll
2. Larry Dickey
3. Jason Zibart

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**Analyst:**

**Submitted By:**

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5/16/2016

Tom Davis

Other

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<b>Investigator:</b> Al Amezcua	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/11/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131516	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
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Lainie Keltner	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Email:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>
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**Nature Of Opinion**

<b>Docket Number:</b> E-01575A-15-0312	<b>Docket Position:</b> Against
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Received the following identical comments from 15 customers opposed to the proposed rate case.

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 1:47 PM

To: Utilities Div - Mailbox <<<< REDACTED >>>>

Subject: Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

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Regards,

1. Johnny Mendoza   2. Chele Brewer   3. Laurel Stangel   4. Charles Sparks  
5. Carol Young   6. Sonja Rust   7. Leenita Tazea   8. Carol Wargaski  
9. Joshua Nuernberger   10. Elizabeth Battey   11. William Roberts  
12. Marla Dickson   13. Valentin Oros   14. Nancy Brewer   15. Harold Stott

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<b>Investigator:</b> Michael Buck	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/17/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131604	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
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<b>First Name:</b> Richard	<b>Last Name:</b> Barr	<b>Account Name:</b> Richard Barr
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Sierra Vista	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85650
<b>Home:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Cell:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Email:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>

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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**Docket Position:** Against

Here's my comment on SSVEC's proposal to put their small number (1250 out of 30,000) of solar customers into a separate class so they can bill them and penalize them for using renewable energy. If the government allows utility companies to attack renewable energy customers in this manner than we need to put separate high priced gas pumps in stations for people that purchased energy efficient cars. This whole situation is absurd. You have a Federal Government spending billions to promote renewable energy and States attacking the customers that use it. We can do better than this. We have to do better than this. Utility companies need to continue to spread their costs over their entire customer base and find ways to promote renewable energy, not attack those that use it.

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<b>Investigator:</b> Michael Buck	<b>Phone:</b> 602-364-1065	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/18/2016
<b>Opinion Number:</b> 2016 - 131638	<b>Priority:</b> Respond within 5 business days	
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**Nature Of Opinion**

**Docket Number:** E-01575A-15-0312

**Docket Position:** Against

Received the following identical comments from 6 customers opposed to the proposed rate case -

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 6:11 AM

To: Utilities Div - Mailbox <UtilitiesDiv@azcc.gov>

Subject: Reject new SSVEC fixed fees!

Dear Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's proposal in docket E-01575A-15-0312.

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Margaret Clancy

Barbara Moskalonek

Barbara McKinnon

Carl

Jennifer Rush

Dan Hatch

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<b>Investigator:</b> Michael Buck	<b>Phone:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>	<b>Opinion Date:</b> 5/18/2016
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<b>First Name:</b> Joanne	<b>Last Name:</b> Coppola	<b>Account Name:</b> Joanne Coppola
<b>Address:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		
<b>City:</b> Huachuca City	<b>State:</b> AZ	<b>Zip Code:</b> 85616
<b>Home:</b> <<< REDACTED >>>		

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<b>Company:</b> Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.	<b>Division:</b> Electric
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**Nature Of Opinion**

<b>Docket Number:</b> E-01575A-15-0312	<b>Docket Position:</b> Against
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From: Joanne Coppola [ <<< REDACTED >>> ]

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 11:05 AM

To: Hearings Division <HearingDiv@azcc.gov>

Subject: Ssvec

I am against the rate change because we are supposed to be caretakers of our resources, both personal and environmental. The very small number/percentage of us who bought solar systems should not be penalized with an increase now or ever.

It is very reasonable for new solar customers to be under a new rate structure.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Joanne Coppola

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Huachuca City, Az. 85616

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